

"PARISH PULSE"

NEWSLETTER OF ST. MARK'S CHURCH

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SUNDAY, SEPT. 21, 2014

<u>Ministry Fair</u>-A *BIG thank you to our Leaders* who gave of their time and created wonderful displays to showcase their Ministries last Sunday!

<u>Maintenance Coordinator</u> -We pray that by next week a final resolution can be announced.

<u>Invitation to All Folk Who are New(ish)! to St. Mark's Congregation</u>-You are invited to a light luncheon after the 10am Service on Sun. Oct. 19. Please join us in the Family Room to meet some of our Ministry Leaders, and to learn a bit more about St. Mark's.

Sunday School-Focus today is on: Matthew 20:1-16..."Exploring the Concept of Fairness"

<u>Laptop Needed for Children's Ministry</u>-Do you have an unused laptop under 5 years old? If so we could sure use it to help teachers prepare well & communicate with families. Please contact Rev. Denise.

<u>Morning Bible Study</u>-started on Tues. Sept. 16, for 10 weeks, 9:30am to 11:30am in the Family Room. The study subject is: Meeting The Holy Spirit. The contact person is Betty Bear: 778-294-0966.

Next Sunday's Bible Readings-Exodus 17:1-7, Psalm 25:1-9, Philippians 2:1-13, Matthew 21:23-32

Prayer Chain Contact-is Joyce Ness. She can be reached at 604-535-0460 or joybill"telus.net

<u>Flowers for the Altar</u>- Today the flowers are dedicated by Craig and Holly to the Glory of God and with heartfelt thanks for all His goodness; and by Noreen Tyler to the Glory of God, the "master gardener", and in loving memory of my husband Ron.

<u>St. Mark's Youth</u>-Youth gather on Sundays at 10am in the Youth Room for their learning series: "Crazy Love: Overwhelmed by a Relentless God". Also, join us on Tuesday evenings at 7pm for our FUN weekly evening Bible Studies as we get to know some interesting characters from the Old Testament. For more information or to sign up for our newsletter visit <u>www.stmarkbc.org/youth/</u>

A Night On Broadway- On Sat. Oct. 4 please join St. Mark's own Christopher Simmons & Debra DaVaughn for this 8th annual fundraising event at the Surrey Arts Centre Main Stage. 100% of the money from every ticket purchased goes to the Surrey Food Bank. Sponsored by Envision Financial, Simmons and DaVaughn founded this event 8 years ago & are joined by 3 other professional singers, as well as a professional band & director. This year's show features semi-staged selections from Broadway hits, such as The King and I, Anything Goes, Wicked, Fiddler on the Roof, Chicago, and Into the Woods. Tickets are \$27.50, and Seniors and Student tickets are \$25. They can be purchased through the Surrey Arts Centre Box Office at 604-501-5566, or online at www.surrey.ca/culture-recreation/1684.aspx. So come out on Sat. Oct. 4 & enjoy some great music while supporting a great cause!



<u>Library News</u>-Once again we have a lot of books that are MISSING IN ACTION. They seem to leap off the shelves and forget how to get back, so I need your help in rounding them up and getting them home to their shelves. As a reminder books can be taken our for 3 weeks and DVDs for 2 weeks. They can also be renewed if you don't get them finished in that amount of time. Just let us know you need more time. Please be sure to sign them out if you are in the Library during the week when there is no Librarian. Place a name and 'phone number on the card. It is the only way that we know the book is being used and if, to our knowledge, it has not left the shelf in 5 years, it will be culled and replaced with a newer or more popular book. Look on the bulletin board in the Library for these delinquent books and DVDs. Some have been out for a

year or more, and some were not signed out but were not on the shelf when asked for. Please look on your shelves, desks, coffee tables, night tables, under the beds, in the car, anywhere that a book might hide. I would much rather spend the budget on new books than on replacements. Thanks for your help.

- Charlie Bookworm and the Librarians

<u>The Lunch Basket for Hungry Children</u>-is provided this week by Ernie and Ann Thiessen to the Glory of God in Thanksgiving for God's many blessings and their Granddaughter Cooper on her 3rd birthday.

Episcopal Visit Sunday, November 16-We are very excited to present our Parish to our new Bishop, The Right Reverend Melissa Skelton, for the first time! If you have any questions or comments please contact a member of the Planning Group: Jack B., Anne S., Linda Z., Betty-Ann B., or Rev. Denise.

<u>Seniors News</u> – Thank you to all who stopped by our booth at the Ministry Fair, Sept. 14! It was so good to see you all again. Wednesday Get Togethers are alternate Wednesdays. The next one is on **Wed. Oct. 1.** Games are in the Family Room & chatting is the Library from 1pm to 3:30pm, with refreshments at 2:30pm. Advance Notice: there will be no get together at the Church on Wed. Nov. 12, due to an ACW event that requires all of our space. We shall try to have an outing that day instead so stay tuned! <u>Upcoming Events include:</u>

- VSO ticket packages are ready to be delivered so please call or see Sue to receive yours. Our first concert is Mon. Oct. 6 at 8pm. The bus will leave the hurch at 7pm;
- There are a few tickets left for the Fri. Oct. 24 outing to Telus Science World, for the murder mystery/science for "adults only night", 7-10pm. The cost is \$27 per ticket, and \$20 per person if you wish to ride on Denny's bus. Costume attire is optional...should be a fun filled event!
- Our projected bus trip to Victoria in March, 2015 is filling up. Hotel cost is \$120/room with two sharing, with breakfast included. We plan to leave on a Friday and return on Sunday night. We hope to attend the Cathedral Service on Sunday morning. Denny will give us a bus tour of the area. Several walk-abouts are in the planning stages. Cost has yet to be set.
- If you are interested in any, or all, of the events, please contact Sue at 604-531-4931, or sinder@shaw.com, or call Janet at 604-531-9585.

First Fruits Garden Project- First Fruits Garden Table is each Sunday throughout September and October. Following the 8am & the 10am Services there will be an offering of the "First Fruits of our produce.." Prov. 3:9, at a table in the Parish Hall. Please donate to this fun and interactive offering of vegetables, fruits, seedlings, flowers, bulbs, etc. by some of our generous gardeners. 2014 donations will be used for ongoing work in the Memorial Garden.

! SAVE THE DATE! St. Mark's Concert Sunday, October 26

Please note Concert start time has changed to

<u>2:00 pm</u>

Featuring
Cellist BENJAMIN LOUWERSHEIMER &
Concert Pianist KRYSTYNA TUCKA
Hope You Will Come!



OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday through Thursday

9am to 3pm

Friday 10am to 1pm

Upcoming Events

Monday, Sept. 22

9am – Exercise - H 10:15am – Israeli Folk Dance – H

Tuesday, Sept. 23

9:30am – Bible Study – FR 7pm – Evening Guild - FR 7pm – Parish Council – EdC

7pm – Youth - Y

Wednesday, Sept. 24

9am – Exercise – H 10am –Service – Sanctuary 7:30pm – Adult Choir Practice – S

Friday, Sept. 26

9am - Exercise - H

Sunday, Sept. 28

After the 10am Service – Children's Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary AND ...

it is "Souper Sunday"